Enter Bullingbroke, and Mowbray.

Bul. Many yeeres of happy dayes befall
My gracious Soverayne, my loving Liege.
Mow. Each day still better, others happiness,
Until the heavens envying earths good hap,
add an immortall title to your Crowne.
King. We thanke you both, yet one but flatters us
As well appeareth by the cause you come
namely to appeale each other of high treason.
Cosin of Hereford, what dost thou object
Against the Duke of Norfolke, Thomas Mowbray?
Bul: First (Heaven be record of my speech)
In the devotion of a subjects love,
Tendring the princes safety of my prince,
And free from other misbegotten hate,
Come I appellant to this princely presence.
Now Thomas Mowbray, doe I turne to thee
And marke my greeting well, for what I speak
My body shall make good upon this earth,
Or my divine Soule answer it in Heaven.
Thou art a Traytor, and a miscreant;
Too good to be so, and too bad to live,
Since the more fair and Christall is the skie,
The uglier seemes the Cloud, that in it flyes.
Once more, the more to aggravate the note,
With a foule traitors name, stuffe thy throate
And wish (so please my Soverayne) ere I move
What my tongue speakes, my right drawne sword may prove.
Mow: Let not my cold words here accuse my zeale.
Tis not the triall of a womans warre,
The bitter clamour of two eager tongues,
Can arbitrate this cause betwixt us twaine:
The blood is hot that must be cold for this,
Yet can I not of such tame patience boast

As to be hush't, and nought at all to say.
First, the fair reverence of your Highnesse curbs me
From giving reines and spurres to my free speech,
Which else would post, untill it had returned
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These termes of reason, doubly downe his throat:
Setting aside his high blood royalty,
And let him be no kinsman to my Liege,
I doe defie him, and spit at him,
Call him a slanderous Coward, and a Villaine:
Which to maintaine, I would allow him odds,
And meet him, were I tide to runne a foote,
Even to the frozen ridges of the Alpes,
Or any other ground inhabitable,
Where ever Englishman durst set his foote.
Meane time, let this defend my loyalty,
By all my hopes most falsely doth he lye.
Bul: Pale trembling Coward, there I throw my gage,
Disclaiming here the kindred of the King,
And lay aside my high blood royalty
Which fear, not reverence makes me to except